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MEMORANDUM FOR: [redacted]
Executive Officer, OER

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FROM: [redacted]
Program Assessment Office

SUBJECT: International Intelligence Issues

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1. As you will recall from our 31 July 1980 meeting, [redacted] and I, along with other colleagues from RMS, were intrigued by [redacted] proposal for a new intelligence publication which would draw on the expertise of the American Business Community. We took note of your desire to discuss in advance with us possible resource assistance should this project be launched. It appeared then, and seems quite evident now that I have read [redacted] rather ambitious plans, that if this project were to be implemented, some sort of Staff support would be required. [redacted] expressed most cogently our very strong view that nothing further should be contemplated or done until the proposal has been refined and cleared with the Office of General Counsel. This would seem even more urgent now in view of the large number of people, both in and outside the U.S. Government, with whom [redacted] has already discussed this proposal. [redacted]

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2. We all also concur with [redacted] admonition that discussion of this project be kept at a minimum in order to avoid adverse reactions in Congress and elsewhere, and that individuals be approached through their corporate headquarters by the highest levels of the Intelligence Community. [redacted]

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25X1 3. I have read most carefully [] covering memorandum
and [] memorandum of 13 August (with attachments) for the DCI.
25X1 The following comments represent my views, those of [], and
25X1 of [] of CTS/HTO. To put the conclusion first, []
[] proposal for a new intelligence publication is a bold
initiative which should be pursued aggressively. Our concerns,
outlined below, are presented in that context. We are all rather
25X1 overwhelmed by the speed with which [] has moved and strongly
recommend that no further action be taken and no further people be
approached until this project has been more carefully thought out and
reduced to a clear and concise proposal in writing. There is, both
25X1 in [] memorandum and in [] proposal, some very confused
25X1 thinking concerning the functions and responsibilities of []

25X1 intelligence. I disagree with [] last statement that one should
25X1 "explore the idea of incorporating the intent into the regular
reporting process." [] if it is to be involved at all, should
merely be used as a mechanism to identify and make initial contact
with individuals who are being considered as possible contributors to
the new publication. We, in this staff, look upon such a publication
worthwhile step in the Community search for "competing centers of
25X1 analysis." [] should play only a minimal role in such a venture.
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25X1 4. Too little attention has been given to the question of
distribution. It is our thought that captains of industry would not
willingly wish their analysis of current political and economic
developments be made available to actual or potential competitors.
We would therefore assume that such publications would be distributed
only to selected U.S. Government officials on a "need to know" basis
with a drop copy of the article to be made available to the
originator and/or his company. Whether this would satisfy
25X1 contributors is another matter. []

25X1 5. As you know, the efforts of [] and his successor,
25X1 [] to devise guidelines for providing intelligence
information to selected members of the American Business Community,
25X1 have encountered numerous obstacles. There is a danger of being too
dependent on the advice of [] whose experiences in the Department
25X1 of Commerce, although useful, have perhaps been too specialized. The
[] proposal to make the expertise of the American Business
Community readily available to U.S. policymakers is presumably a
separate issue from that of providing intelligence information to
that Business Community. Since the latter is to be undertaken only
25X1 through the Department of Commerce, we trust the two proposals will
remain distinct. []

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25X1 6. It is neither my desire nor that of my colleagues to act as
25X1 judge and jury in this case. We do, however, wish to anticipate
questions which [] will most certainly raise should the
project develop to the point where his concurrence must be sought for
the allocation of resources. []

7. To summarize: we welcome this bold initiative and would
like to see it pursued. However, we now feel that we may have a
"tiger by the tail."



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